

Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
September 14, 2015

Approved By
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:34 P.M

BOS Members Present: J. Bailey, J. Hotchkiss, M. Schwarz

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

- J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the minutes from the BOS 9/2/15 meeting as written. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the minutes from the BOS 8/24/15 meeting. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- J. Hotchkiss motions to approve the minutes from the BOS 8/31/15 meeting. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- Intent to cut signed for 163 Kings Highway- Map 12 Lot 42
- Fire Chief William Lawrence was officially sworn in.

Old Business

- Department Heads-
 - TC/TX- Working on dog license fees. They are slowly trickling in. After the allotted days they will have to appear in court and still need to come in and register the dog. Monthly reports provided to the Board. Revenues are about the same last year for this time of year. Voting for the state rep will be next Tuesday 8-7 in the Municipal Building.
 - Assessing- Three qualified sales. Avitar is currently doing validations. MS 1 was accepted. Ellis Hatch Land sold timber rights to another company. Town will request a bond.
 - Planning Board- Driveway regulations have been updated, they will be voted on at next meeting. Next the planning board will be working on subdivision plans.
 - Police- Assisting Town Clerk with collecting on unregistered dogs. With school in session, patrol is starting earlier in the day. Monthly report was read aloud. 77 calls this month. Speed bumps requested from residents along Dudley Drive, these are not needed. The police have been patrolling more often in that neighborhood. Police would like an additional outside light mounted on the overhead car port. Will check with Jeff Jacobs.
 - Treasury- Money soon may be tight. Trustees need to bring in the money due for capital expenditures.
 - Highway- Nicola Road is 85% completed. Paving is done. Electrician and contractor have been busy on highway walls. New International sander is being switched so delay in getting truck. Tree pruning will be happening on New Portsmouth Road. Highway walls are worse than thought. Condition of wiring is bad. Bare wires exposed. There is now additional cost to be brought to code. Electrical work will not come out of warrant article; it will come out of repairs. Another coat of paint is needed on ceiling, complete this while walls are out.
 - Zoning- Quiet for now. Expect zoning changes to come.
 - Code Enforcement- Two new homes to be built. Current problems with Junk Yards in town. Problems with residents putting out trash too early. Town needs to look at ordinance on trash. John proposed a Propane/Plumbing Permit. Plumbers need a master license as well.
 - Welfare- \$814.00 paid out in August. Monthly report read aloud.

- Emergency Management- This summer has been good. No big emergencies.
- Fire- Assisted Farmington with Hay Day. Held training on mechanical rescues. Need security for pipes on trailer. . School tour is being planned for all Fire Department personnel. Fire pay use to be a stipend. Cannot do that anymore. Board was presented with a pay scale for all members. Board approved.
- Conservation- working on forest management. Island should be put into conservation.
- Taping of the meetings- J. Bailey asked for the consensus from the public on taping the meetings. Any department would be able to record their meetings including the school meetings. These would then be uploaded to the website. J. Hotchkiss mentioned that maybe this should go in front of the townspeople since there is no line in the budget specifically for this. J. Bailey and M. Schwarz believe this would fall under new equipment. J. Bailey will research.
- Recycling- According to Waste Management, fliers were mailed out on the 8th, recycling starts on the 15th.
- L. Parker presented the board with the write up for the IT services proposal. Board approved. L. Parker will send out to the interested parties and publish in the paper.
- L. Parker read aloud an email from a resident stating how courteous and respectful the highway crew is.

New Business

- P. Frazier spoke about the Avitar contract is up this year. The Board would like to see the contract from Avitar before choosing whether or not to put out for bid.
- R. Washburn brought up concerns with Bayring. He has work at the garage that needs to be done and Bayring can't tell the Town who needs to do the work. Wither Bayring, Time Warner or Fairpoint.

Public Participation

J. Hotchkiss motions to adjourn @ 8:04 PM. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, BOS Secretary